

The First Presbyterian Church in Pitman, NJ

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 18, 2018 | 10 AM | Rev. Dave Ramsey

For Prayer & Contemplation

God never ceases to do new things for his people. Pray that he might broaden our faith in his redemptive, saving acts, and that we may look forward eagerly for what is to come just as surely as he has delivered us in the past.

Welcome & Sharing Information Please sign the Fellowship Pad.

Prelude "Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless" - arr. Burkhardt

Call to Worship

One: History is God's story of his mighty acts of deliverance.

All: **We worship a God who has done many wonderful things for his children.**

One: When Israel was in Babylon, Isaiah told them they did not have to look back in history to celebrate God's activity, because he was going to do a new thing for them.

All: **We pray for a faith that never ceases to expect new things from God.**

***Hymn No. 791** "For You, O God, I Wait"

Prayer of Confession

Dear God, sometimes when we compare our present experiences with the divine drama of history, we feel discouraged because we do not feel as delivered as those who were led through the wilderness. Forgive us for letting our faith suffer to the point that we do not expect, or even hope, for your intervention in our crisis situations. Revive us with new expectations of your miraculous grace; that our faith may break forth in highest praise. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Moment of Silence

Assurance of Forgiveness

***Hymn No. 581** "Glory Be to the Father"

"Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen."

Passing of Peace

Anthem "Cordero di Dios" (Lamb of God) - Mendoza
Sanctuary Choir



Time with Children (Dismissal to Sunday School)

Pastor: It is time for you to depart.

Adults: **God be with you there.**

Children: **God be with you here.**

Scripture

Old Test.: I Chronicles 11:15-19 OT 371 LP 459-60

New Test.: John 11:45-12:8 NT 105-6 LP 129

Sermon "Judas and the OPEC Connection" -Rev. Dave Ramsey

Invitation to Offering

Offertory "Every Time I Think About Jesus" - arr. Lasky

***Doxology No. 606**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Unison Prayer of Dedication**

Save us, O God, from making these gifts a substitute for the gift of ourselves. Rather, may they be the outward tokens of an inward commitment, an act of total self-giving, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Please contact the church office for a copy of the prayer list.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

***Hymn No. 833** "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"

Benediction

Benediction Hymn No. 546

"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

"Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace; let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace. O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness."

Postlude "Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless" - arr. Pachelbel

***** **Please stand as you are able.** *****



Please be advised that our worship service is filmed from the balcony. Though the camera's focus is primarily on the chancel, there are wide shots that may include parts of the congregation sitting near the front.



All are invited and welcomed to join us for Coffee Hour in the Social Hall following worship service for fellowship.



THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN PITMAN

"God's Open House"

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Sunday Worship Service @ 10 AM
Communion on the first Sunday of the month
Sunday School every week, 10:20-11:05 AM

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Thank you to our Worship Servers

Liturgist	Betsy Wriggins
Greeter	Elaine Scheetz
Ushers	Sue LaPierre, Bobbi Wilkins, Karen Daly, Peggy Price
Tellers	Glenn Stevick, Steve Langlois, Karen Daly

Happy Birthday to...

March 18	Helen Loeb
March 18	Stacey Sharpe
March 19	Karla Langlois
March 20	Madeleine Enever
March 25	Jennifer Russell

This Week's Calendar | March 18-25

<i>Sunday</i> March 18	10 AM Worship 11:15 AM Sunshine Singers Practice 11:15 AM Mission Trip Meeting – Memorial Lounge 11:15 AM Christian Education Committee – Up Kitchen 2 PM Congregational Life Sunday Workshops – Hammonton Presbyterian 3 PM Organ Birthday Recital – Sanctuary/SH Reception
<i>Monday</i> March 19	
<i>Tuesday</i> March 20	
<i>Wednesday</i> March 21	10 AM Joy Circle – Upstairs Kitchen 1 PM Faith Circle – Upstairs Kitchen 7 PM Circle of Life – Upstairs Kitchen
<i>Thursday</i> March 22	9 AM Weekday Preschool 'Someone Special' Day – SH 7 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 8 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
<i>Friday</i> March 23	6:30 PM Taste of Promise – Moorestown Community House
<i>Saturday</i> March 24	
<i>Sunday</i> March 25	Palm Sunday <i>Easter Flowers Due</i> 10 AM Worship 11:15 AM Sunshine Singers 5 PM Jazz Vespers (Christopher Davis-Shannon Trio/Habitat for Humanity) – Sanctuary/Social Hall



Music Notes

Today's prelude is Michael Burkhardt's 2013 setting of a German chorale from the early 16th century. This tune is also the melodic basis of the postlude, written by Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706). The offertory is David Lasky's 2013 arrangement of an African American spiritual. The anthem was written in 2000 by Hispanic American composer/conductor Michael D. Mendoza. We thank the Sanctuary Choir for sharing special music with us this morning. The translation of the Spanish is:

Cordero di Dios	Lamb of God
Que quitas	Who takest away
Los pecados del mundo	The sins of the world
Ten compasion de nosotros	Have mercy on us
Danos la paz	Grant us peace